



DAILY DIARY

Executive Director-Comptroller

27 August 1965

1. Dick Helms told me that

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[redacted] talked to him about the possibility of reducing [redacted] from two weeks to two days, and inquired if I knew anything about this. I told him I did not. He said that he was aware of the fact that some of the people in the Clandestine Services were not enamored with [redacted] but before making any such decision, he would want this looked into from an Agency point of view and asked that I undertake to do this sometime soon.

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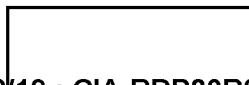
was in to brief me on the SOP's and other pertinent documents having to do with the CIA Operations Center. These are now in fair shape although [redacted] says they will not be completely finished until about 1 October. I said I would like to see them again when they are finished.

3. I met with Helms and Wheelon to discuss organizational problems in the DD/S&T. The gist of these problems is as follows:

a. Wheelon reported that [redacted] had declined to accept the position of Director. He therefore proposed that Carl Duckett be appointed Assistant DD/S&T immediately and assume responsibility for the Agency's overhead reconnaissance program. We discussed this briefly and Helms said that the Director had a talk with him as late as this afternoon and seemed determined to get someone for the Assistant DD/S&T position with a reputation and good technical

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why it was so urgent that Jack Ledford be relieved of this responsibility immediately. Bud didn't have any very good answer except that Jack wanted to be relieved and he thought

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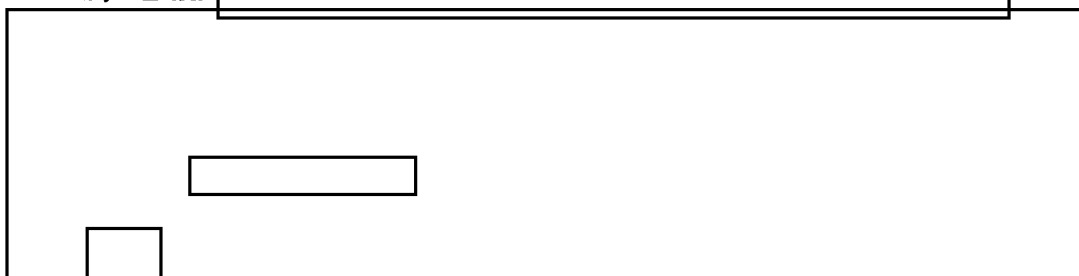


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we should send a new, smiling face to the Pentagon. After a brief discussion, it was decided that LeFord would be left in this position for the time being.

b. Bud



c. I also took this occasion to tell Bud that I thought it was extremely important that he clarify his own position to his own troops. I said I felt he must be aware of the fact that the corridors were seething with rumors that he was leaving almost immediately and that I felt very strongly that most of these people are spending their time talking about this rather than getting on with their jobs. He seemed a little surprised at this and agreed to have a staff meeting without delay and explain to his staff that while he did not propose to stay here forever, he was certainly not abandoning ship and would definitely stay and see that his shop and his programs were turned over to some worthy successor as a going concern.

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